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H. P. 414

House of Representatives, January 27, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Tuttle of Sanford.

Cosponsors: Representative Diamond of Windham, Representative Carroll of Limerick and Representative Pearson of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Requiring Protective Headgear for Motorcycle Riders.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1376, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 593, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 1377 is enacted to read:

§ 1377. Protective headgear for motorcycle riders

Every person operating a motorcycle or motor driven cycle, or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or motor driven cycle or in a sidecar attached to a motorcycle or motor driven cycle shall wear protective headgear conforming with those minimum standards of construction and performance which the Secretary of State may prescribe.

Violation of this section is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of \$25 for the first violation and \$50 for each subsequent violation shall be adjudged.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires all operators of, and passengers on, motorcycles and motor driven cycles to wear protective headgear. Recent statistics dramatically demonstrate the need to reenact this requirement.